

REMARKS

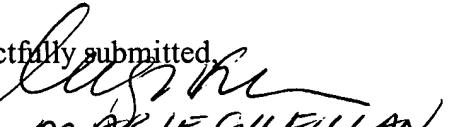
This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 3, 2003. In the Office Action the Examiner states that claims 8, 11-12, 14, 21, 22, 24-27, 30-33 47 and 48 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 8, 11-12, 14, 21, 22, 24-27, 30-33 47 and 48 have now been rewritten to incorporate the suggested amendments. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-7, 9-10, 13, 15-20, 23, 28-29, 34-46 and 49-59 have been cancelled.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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